

ABSTRACT

A protective cover for various image recording media, such as film and phosphor media, and for cassettes that encase said media. The protective cover is arranged to substantially enclose the cassette during storage and/or exposure to X-rays and then removed
5 (and perhaps disposed of) during acquisition of the latent image stored on the image recording media, for example, by an image reader such as a laser scanning device. The protective cover prevents contaminants from contacting the cassette and/or image recording media, thus extending the lifetime of the equipment.